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CROWDED SOCIAL WEEK

There were parties galore last week as the college girls were all at home and many out-of-town guests attended the various clubs.

Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor, Mrs. Robert Hurt and Mrs. Dempsey Anderson attended a bridge party at the home of Mrs. Fred Lamb in Salisbury Wednesday afternoon.

The U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Warner W. White Monday afternoon, January 9th at 2:30 p. m. Members are requested to bring or send their annual dues to Mrs. O. G. Dameron, treasurer.

Miss Jessie Richardson entertained a few guests at her home last Wednesday evening in honor of her friend Miss Lucy Bouldin of Virginia. The evening was spent in music, games and conversation and a very pleasant time was had. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. W. Stevenson of Armstrong entertained a number of the 1920 class of K. H. S. at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burns on Tuesday evening of last week. Delightful refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed by all.

Marvin Taylor delighted his friends by inviting several couples to his home Friday evening for a few hours. The evening was spent in dancing and music. Refreshments were served the guests at the appropriate hour and all attending reported a delightful time.

Miss Myrtle Miller entertained a party of 48 young people last Thursday evening at her home. There were nine tables at 42 and three tables at bridge. The honors of the games went to Mrs. Elbert Anderson for the 42 score and the bridge prize was given to Mrs. Warner W. White. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Julia Anderson gave a Christmas dinner at her home last Monday and all of her children and their families and Revs. Rudd, Mitchell and Shorter and Rufus Leonard were present. At one o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room and a beautiful dinner was served. This is an annual affair which is always enjoyed by the family.

Mrs. Edgar Wilks entertained at her home eight couples in honor of Miss Fontelle Shinn of Hale last Wednesday evening. At eight o'clock the guests arrived and every minute was enjoyed until 12 o'clock when they departed. Most of the evening was spent in dancing and those who attended report they never had a better time anywhere. A lovely two-course luncheon was served at 11 o'clock.

As is the custom of the Bridge Club the various members entertained their husbands and other guests at a party last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Chas. F. Lamkin. There were twenty-four members and guests present. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and sprigs of mistletoe and holly were visible in all parts of the house. The men folks, especially, enjoyed the occasion. Prizes were given to Mrs. John D. Taylor and Mr. Robert Hurt. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Anna Veatch and daughter, Miss Ida entertained at their home on Thursday with a six o'clock dinner party. The decorations throughout the house were in Christmas colors. There were 18 guests present. The dining room was lighted with red and green candles which cast a beautiful light over the room and a holly wreath was the centerpiece for the table and a large Christmas bell hung over the center wreath. The menu served was turkey, ham, dressing, creamed peas, Irish potatoes, cranberry jelly, celery, olives, pickles, hot biscuits, coffee, salted nuts, angel food cake and ice cream. Mrs. Veatch is a very entertaining hostess and it is needless to say that every one always has the best of good times when accepting an invitation from her.

NEW DEPOT AT MACON

The Wabash passenger station was ushered into service and the first train last week made its stop at the new station instead of the old coach that has been used for a depot for several years. As has already been stated the new building is a beautiful structure, modernly equipped and a credit to the town and the railroad which it will serve in the future. Hereafter Wabash passengers to and from Macon will have the convenience and comfort of one of the best stations to be found anywhere on the system. The old passenger coach that has been used for a depot has been the source of many an amusing story of how strangers mistook it for the train they were expecting to leave town on, and ran themselves out of breath trying to get there before it started. But all the inconveniences of the long walk are forgotten when the new one was put into service.

Services morning and evening by the pastor at the Christian church. You are invited to attend.

Mrs. Helen Mosley of St. Louis spent the holidays here the guest of Misses Kate Dewey and Lois Lay.

THE NORTH CROSS-STATE HIGHWAY MEETING

The convention was called to meet at Excelsior Springs for the 29th of December, 1921. The meeting was largely attended. The following resolutions were passed, which will be of interest to many in this section:

Whereas, The North Cross State Highway has by act of the state legislature been made a part of the state system of highways, we, the representatives of the counties through which this highway passes do resolve as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend the action taken by the state legislature in their establishment of a state system of highways and express our approval of the provisions of the law governing the construction of maintenance of the roads comprising such system.

Resolved, That we express our approval of and confidence in the present Highway Commission and pledge each and all of them our united support in fulfilling the requirements of the state highway law.

Resolved, That we deplore any threatened effort to delay construction of work on our highways and stamp all such efforts as against the best interest of the state at large. We pledge our influence to defeat any movement of this nature from whatever source the same may emanate.

Resolved, That we recognize the fact that road building should be first directed to the preparation of the foundation for the highways comprising the state system for permanent surfacing and that road maintenance is equal in its importance to that of road construction.

Resolved, That we express our hearty approval of that provision of the highway law which provides for 1,500 miles of roads of preferred construction to care for excessive present and possible future traffic across the state.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Highway Commission the adoption of certain fixed principles in the establishment of the preferred highways and present for their consideration, the following suggested principles:

First: The recognition of St. Louis and Kansas City, as pivotal cities of our state deserving of a place on the preferred system of highways.

Second: The recognition of the great agricultural interests of Missouri as paramount to all other interests.

Third: The recognition of population, taxable wealth, automobile license revenue, construction costs, excessive traffic, geographical location, and topographical conditions in the establishment of the preferred highways.

Resolved, That The North Cross State Highway Association favors the continuation of its earnest effort to centers, St. Louis and Kansas City, state on the splendid service this road affords as a connecting highway of the state's great commercial centers, St. Louis and Kansas City.

Resolved, That The North Cross State Highway Association cordially commends the Federal Government for locating the Public Service Hospital for its disabled soldiers at Excelsior Springs, believing that no better selection of a site could have been made nor would have come more nearly to meeting the approval of the people, because of the reputation and virtue of its curative mineral waters, because of the magnificent and commanding site on which the hospital is located, and because of the availability of the city to all sections of the country.

SENATOR PENROSE, PHILADELPHIA STRICKEN DEC. 31

Boies Penrose, senior Senator of Pennsylvania, one of the most important figures of the Republican party died of heart failure Saturday, Dec. 31, aged 61 years.

The senator was sitting beside his bed, when he suddenly fell off a chair to the floor. His personal physician, Dr. Roy Adams, was in the room with him and when the doctor reached his side the senator was dead. No members of the family were present.

Senator Penrose had been active at his office in the Capitol up until the week before Christmas. While celebrating the Christmas holidays he caught a cold and on Tuesday he remained in his apartment. He had not left his rooms since then, although on several occasions he was able to leave his bed.

STAGES GREAT COME BACK

A sample of what a linotype will do to a perfectly proper news item, when the operator has been out with the boys on the night before, says the Bloomfield Vindicator, is shown in the following item taken from the Cape Girardeau Missouriian: "J. B. Houston of Bloomfield, who died Sunday and was buried Monday, returned to his home Tuesday."

A joint installation of officers of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodge was held Monday night. There were quite a few visiting members from Salisbury and Muscatine. Mrs. Mary Carter of Salisbury, District Deputy President was assisted by Mrs. M. S. Walther, who acted as marshal. After the installation ceremonies a lunch was served by the Odd Fellows which made a perfect finish for the evening entertainment. The officers will go to Westville for installation of that lodge Saturday night of next week.

Courier Announces Automobile Prize Contest This Week

Brand New 1922 Ford Sedan Car is Grand Prize—Thousands of Dollars in Rich Prizes to be Awarded Free Wednesday Night, February 15th to the Enterprising Men and Women, Boys and Girls of Chariton and Adjoining Counties

On Pages 4 and 5 appears a Comprehensive Description of the Chariton Courier's Big Automobile Prize Contest and Subscription Drive. Rules and Regulations Together With Full Information for Courier Contestants, Etc., Etc.

We are out for 2,000 new subscribers. Are you with us?

While the Chariton Courier now enjoys a wide circulation in this community, this paper is desirous of increasing its family of readers in Keytesville and Chariton County.

With this end in view we have planned and today announce the most liberal prize offering ever made the newspaper reading public in this section of the state. A campaign in which a brand new 1922 Ford Sedan, worth \$737.00; a free vacation trip to any point in the United States; a beautiful solitaire diamond ring, worth \$125.00; a Victor Victrola, worth \$100.00; besides a veritable shower of gold, will be awarded to the ambitious and hustling men and women, boys and girls of this and adjoining counties.

One of the features of this big prize distribution is the fact that there will be no losers in this race as a 20% cash commission (\$1 out of every \$5 collected) will be paid all active non-prize-winners, which, in itself is a good business proposition.

This is not a something for nothing scheme; in fact it is no scheme at all. Neither is it a charitable undertaking on the part of the Chariton Courier. It is a business proposition pure and simple. Its object is to advertise jointly this newspaper and the splendid qualities of the 1922 model Ford Sedan; to secure new and renewal subscriptions for the Chariton Courier, and last, but not least, to win for this paper a welcome in every home in Chariton County.

Will it pay? This is a question that will naturally occur to all who read this announcement. Yes, it will pay! Not in dollars and cents possibly, for the expense of the undertaking is very heavy, but there are dividends that a newspaper earns other than that expressed in terms of money.

During this campaign thousands of new subscribers will be added to our present list, which means an immediate enhancement to the potency of this newspaper as an advertising medium—the principal source of revenue for newspapers; a large number of Keytesville and Chariton County's best hustlers will be happier and richer in pocket books as a result thereof and there will be a general amount of satisfaction in all that, besides the general good engendered and prestige gained for this newspaper will be almost incalculable.

This contest will not be a long-drawn out affair of several months' duration, but extends over a period of six and one-half weeks only. Think of being able to secure in just six and a half week's time, awards that ordinarily require months, even years, of self denying and saving to acquire—yet here they are offered to you for a few weeks of your spare time in helping us to extend our subscription list.

This competition will be more interesting and far more reaching than any ever before attempted in this county. The prizes are not only rich in their material value but are in keeping with the broad liberal lines along which the entire enterprise has been drawn. Ambition and energy are the only requisites for success. Six and a half weeks and you may be riding in your own automobile.

In order to give everyone who enters this contest the greatest possible assistance a campaign department has been created and an experienced manager placed in charge, who will devote his entire time and attention to those who desire to participate.

Come in and see him personally and get first-hand information regarding how to enter the contest, how prizes will be awarded, etc. He will help you in every way to be a big prize winner.

Nominations are now open. Enter your name at once and be among the first in the field. Remember, everybody wins in this contest.

Mrs. Anton Keeting and son George attended the Catholic church services in Brunswick Sunday.

Installation of officers of the Eastern Star lodge was made Tuesday night. After the business meeting a beautiful lunch was served.

OVER THE LINE FENCE

By Sam Jordan in the St. Louis Globe Democrat

The coming year is sure to be hard on all farm organizations since times are hard and money hard to get. On this account there are many members, perhaps, who will not keep up their memberships, and on account of shortage of funds many functions must either cease altogether, or in part at least.

However, it should be remembered by all farmers that now is the time, if ever to stick to their guns. We are just now beginning to get our bearings in such a way that we can begin to see our way to better things. We have now come to the point where we are recognized in the big affairs of this country. We hear much direct prediction about the agricultural bloc in Congress, the menace that it is likely to become, and the danger in legislation by "bloc" of any kind.

It must be admitted that legislation by groups or "blobs" is not the best way, but those who are complaining loudest would have us believe that the agricultural bloc is the only one in Congress. Much legislation has been by "blobs" for many years past and every bloc has not altogether been in the interest of farm matters.

Thinking farmers have for a long time been aware of how things have gone, and the past activities of certain blocs have taught us the way, and try as we would we had not been able to make any headway against them, and now since we have learned the way, we are just "fighting fire with fire." Sometimes this is the best one can do, which in the present crisis seems our only way out.

Financial blocs, business blocs, shipbuilding blocs, and various and divers others breeds have been operating in the past to their own particular advantages, and since we farmers are learning the game and playing it, we are causing great alarm in certain quarters.

The enemy of farmers' organizations is an enemy possibly for at least two reasons. One is that this may be a menace to his business, and the other is the fear that his organized power will be used in an oppressive manner, much as we have been in other forms of organized movements.

Power of Farming

In my judgment we should view all such things, not from a personal viewpoint, but from the viewpoint of the common welfare. If the farmer attains vast power, and uses it for ill, or against the common interests of the country, he would better never organize. I cannot make up my mind that he has any such motive in view. He is human of course, and the radical element will continue to howl against every other line of human endeavor, but we believe that the extremist will always be in the minority. If he were not, and the time should come when he would abuse his power that abuse will spell ruin in the end.

We have seen both capital and labor abuse their power, and at this time, both are more or less reaping the results of that abuse. Public sentiment is against both at this time, and that sentiment has been brought about by the abuse and unreasonableness of both. Laws against the aggressions of both are being called for, and legislatures are trying to find means of bringing about corrections of these abuses, but on the face of matters, both capital and labor seem against any rule that will curb the two. A third element, the people, must eventually interfere to such an extent that dangerous power must be curbed.

So it will be with farmers, if, through organized power, they run counter to the common good. Their aggressions will spell their own weakness and failure. But just so long as we keep an eye single to working for the good of the common community, thereby enhancing our own good, we will win.

State of Prosperity

I believe that every State that the

FARM NOTES

Farm Organizations

This is the season of the year for revivals. We need both religious and agricultural revivals. Church members and others must be brought together occasionally and given an inspiration which comes from united efforts in working for the development of the religious side of our nature. Farm organizations sometimes slip back a cog or two and must have special work done in order to keep them up to the highest point of activity and efficiency. We have in Chariton County a fine group of Farm Club people, as fine as there is in the State of Missouri, and work needs to be done to keep these clubs active and prosperous.

The Farm Bureau is not known so well as the local organization needs special work also in order that the farmers of Chariton County may be able to stand up like men among the farmers of Missouri and among the farmers of the U. S. in a united effort to get for themselves the things that are due the farming class.

Sometimes the leaders of farm organizations try to throw the hooks into other farm organizations, and tear them to pieces. This action often causes farmers to wonder what is wrong and it has a tendency to make them hesitate to pull up against the collar and make all the organizations pull together. If there is a "nigger" in the wood pile anywhere lets rust him out. Just like the devil is pleased to see one church organization throwing bricks at another just so it pleases the farmer enemies to see one farm organization trying to tear down another.

Lets make Chariton County strong for farm organizations both local, state and national. The farmers of Chariton County have a right to the best things there are for the farmers of America and the way we can get these things is for us to stand together as one man having common interests and common grievances. We believe absolutely in the power and strength of united farming class.

Let's boost for Chariton County.

Farmer's Week "Again"

We can't get this subject off our mind—it is too important. What is the farmers' week anyhow? It is the greatest gathering of farmers which is held in the year. Farmers from all over Missouri from all walks of life come together for the mutual betterment which is a result of this close communion together of people all interested in great industry.

Farmer's week is the place where vision is born. Vision is that thing which makes folks realize there are heights to be obtained by effort. Vision as applied to agriculture when obtained by a man or woman causes that person to become a community leader. A leader who is so full of inspiration and enthusiasm that they will spend days and nights in order that they may get their neighbors to realize something of the possibilities which can be obtained.

Go to Farmers' Week January 16-20th and get a vision of the possibilities of farming and come back and help the farmers of Chariton county to approach some of the things which they ought to have.

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agricultural bloc has stood for in Congress has been for the common good, even though such action might step on the toes of somebody, which will always happen when legislative or economic changes are brought about, but what may happen to some particular individual or some particular business is not the question at all.

I believe that the farmers' prosperity, in the final analysis, measures the prosperity of all lines of legitimate business, or such lines of business as are good for the common country.

We should stick to our guns, for, as sure as we do, we are headed straight for the victory that should be ours, and it will be a calamity if we let our organizations die when the goal is almost within sight.

Hang on like grim death and we will win, for the great reason that we are surely right, and the struggle we are putting on is for our very lives, for our business, in my judgment can be brought to a profitable basis only as we ourselves bring about an adjustment through our own efforts and by the efforts of others whose life is being squeezed out because we are failing. These lines of human endeavor are looking to us for aid, such as we alone can render.

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MRS. F. F. FOX DIES IN TEXAS LAST WEEK

Friends here were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Pete Fox at Abernathy, Texas, last Wednesday. Although it was known she had been in very poor health for two years or more she had written friends here she was improving and had gained quite a lot in weight since going to Texas September 27th.

Tuesday evening she ate a hearty supper and was laughing about having such a good appetite and told her husband she would come back home feeling so well and surprise her friends. About two o'clock she awoke with a coughing spell and a hemorrhage from the lungs resulted. Her husband immediately called her brother and she only lived a few minutes and a doctor was called, but she had passed away before he arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox went to Texas some time ago hoping to be benefited in health and their physician advised out-door living and they were occupying a tent near Abernathy when death overtook her. Mr. Fox has not been benefited by the change so will likely remain here for the balance of the winter.

Ellis Cruse aged 57 years, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cruse and her parents died when she was a child and she went to make her home with Judge Tom Cruse who has really been a father to her.

Dec. 26, 1890, she was united in marriage to Pete Fox, and they have always lived with Judge Cruse. No children blessed this union. The deceased leaves two brothers, Joe and I. M. of Texas, who were unable to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Fox spent all of her life in Keytesville and few women had more friends than she did. She was a good-hearted, hospitable type, always glad to contribute in any way she could to the happiness and welfare of her friends. In her home she was a true companionable wife and ever faithful to her relative who lived with her. She will be sadly missed by them as well as by other relatives and friends.

The body arrived here Saturday and services were conducted at the family residence Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. D. M. Stockard, assisted by Rev. Hunt. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband and father.

YOUNG MOTHER DIED TUESDAY NIGHT

One of the saddest deaths for some time recorded in this vicinity was that of Mrs. Leroy Bennett who died Tuesday night from blood poison. She was taken ill about two weeks ago and it was thought from the beginning of her illness that the chances for her recovery were remote. All that medical skill, care and attention could do was done but to no avail.

Louella Gordon, daughter of Ely Gordon was born March 7, 1898. Her mother died about 14 years ago and she was left to take care of her younger sister and brothers. She kept house for her father until her marriage to Leroy Bennett, December 24th, 1920. After that they lived with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett for a year, after which they went to housekeeping on a farm adjoining the groom's parents. On December 25th, 1921, a baby daughter was born to this union who was named Ellen Virginia, who is left with the husband, and who will greatly need the care of this dear mother. Her father and three brothers and one sister also survive.

Mrs. Bennett attended high school here two years and at Salisbury two years where she graduated a few years ago. She united with the Methodist church at Adams Chapel about 5 years ago, and has remained an honored and useful member in that faith. Through her cheerful and pleasing manners and her numerous accomplishments she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Always a lover of home and possessing a thorough knowledge of home-making.

Special condolences are extended to the young husband and more particularly to the little motherless babe who will not know a mother's care.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at the time of the Courier going to press.

NEWS ITEM

The Halley-Buntun Grocery store went into the hands of a receiver in December. The business was originally owned and conducted by R. J. Halley, who sold out to J. T. Buntun and wife, who ran the place approximately five years. Tuesday the store was opened up by R. J. Halley, who is a brother of Mrs. Buntun. It is understood that there were several bids for this business, stock and the stand and that Mr. Halley's bid was the highest. It is not known as to whether Mr. and Mrs. Buntun will assist in the conduct of the business in the future.

Why don't you drive your own auto? Get into that Automobile Contest.